

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FOR: METHOD FOR RECOVERING TITANIUM COMPOUND, PROCESS FOR
PREPARING TITANIUM HALIDE AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING CATALYST FOR
POLYMER PRODUCTION

Date: November 27, 2001

The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 6-8 in their entirety and without
prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

--9. (New) The method for recovering a titanium compound as
claimed in claim 1, wherein the waste solution is a solution
formed when a catalyst for polymer production or a catalyst
component for polymer production is prepared.

10. (New) The method for recovering a titanium compound as
claimed in claim 2, wherein the waste solution is a solution

formed when a catalyst for polymer production or a catalyst component for polymer production is prepared.

11. (New) The process for preparing a titanium halide as claimed in claim 4, wherein the waste solution is a solution formed when a catalyst for polymer production or a catalyst component for polymer production is prepared.

12. (New) The process for preparing a titanium halide as claimed in claim 5, wherein the waste solution is a solution formed when a catalyst for polymer production or a catalyst component for polymer production is prepared.

13. (New) A process for preparing a catalyst for polymer production, comprising using the titanium halide obtained by the method of claim 1 to prepare a catalyst for polymer production.

14. (New) A process for preparing a catalyst for polymer production, comprising using the titanium halide obtained by the method of claim 2 to prepare a catalyst for polymer production.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 3 and 6-8 have been cancelled and new claims 9-14 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9-14 are pending in this application.

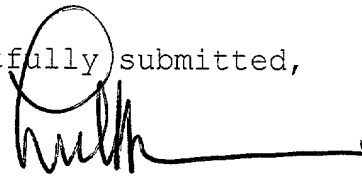
Claims 3 and 6-8 have been cancelled to eliminate

improper multiple dependencies and to reduce the filing fee by eliminating the multiple dependent claim fee. New claims 9-14 correspond to claims 3, 6 and 7 rewritten in proper single dependent form.

Specifically, claims 9 and 10 correspond to now cancelled claim 3, claim 11 and 12 correspond to now cancelled claim 6 and claims 13 and 14 correspond to now cancelled claim 7.

No new matter has been added and applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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